

THEDWASTRE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

in the

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK

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A N N U A L   R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

Year

1960





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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of Thedwastre,  
in the County of West Suffolk for the year ending 31st December  
1960

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Sudbury 2855.

Municipal Offices,  
Belle Vue,  
SUDBURY,  
Suffolk.

October 1962.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Rural District Council of Thedwastre.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the late Dr. G.P. Barclay I beg leave to  
present for your consideration this report on the health and  
sanitary circumstances of the District for the year 1960.

I have the honour to be,

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

E. KINNEAR

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Officers of the Authority

- (a) Medical - One part-time Medical Officer of Health,  
G.P. BARCLAY M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

This officer did not engage in private practice  
but held in addition the following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health Sudbury Borough Council  
Hadleigh U.D.C.  
Cosford R.D.C.  
Melford R.D.C.

Assistant County Medical Officer.  
School Medical Officer.

Miss A. Bryant is clerical assistant to the Medical  
Officer of Health for the five districts.

(b) Others - One Public Health Inspector  
O.J. WYATT, M.S.I.A., M.A.P.H.I., Meat Cert. R.S.H.  
Mr. Wyatt is also Surveyor to the Council.

One Additional Public Health Inspector.  
F.G. LAMBERT, M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A., Meat Cert. R.S.I.

THEDWASTRE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL 1960

Mrs. L.D. Walmsley (Gedding) - Chairman of the Council  
Rev. F.E. Weston-Waite (Stowlangtoft) - Vice-Chairman

Mr. E.J. Aves (Hinderclay)	Mr. W.W. Hawes (Elmswell)
Mr. L.E. Baker (Woolpit)	Mr. A.E. Henderson (Drinkstone)
Mr. T.F. Blackwell (Langham)	Mr. A. Johnson (Hunston)
Mr. R.A. Bloom (Norton)	Mr. H.T. Levesley (Great Ashfield)
Major T.L. Dearbergh (Thurston)	Mr. T.H. Marshall (Rickingham)
Mr. A.T.A. Dobson (Walsham-le-Willows)	Mr. W.H. Parr (Woolpit)
Mr. D.J.S. Dyball (Elmswell)	Mr. P.C. Romans (Felsham)
Mr. N.G. Etheridge (Rattlesden)	Mrs. D.I. Staddon (Beyton)
Capt. R.H. Errington (Tostock)	Mr. W.N. Valentine (Hessett)
Mr. J.W.E. Granger (Walsham)	Mr. F.J. Watson (Wattisfield)
Major T. Hails (Badwell Ash)	

MR. A. OWEN - CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Figures in parenthesis refer to the previous year, or years

1. GENERAL STATISTICS Area - 34,126 acres

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population	9,230	9,130	8,990
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book	3,171	3,145	3,029
Rateable Value	£58,658	£56,749	£52,933
Sum represented by a penny rate	£226	£219	£211

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	93 (73)	57 (65)	150 (138)
Illegitimate	1 (3)	3 (0)	4 (3)
Total:	<u>94 (76)</u>	<u>60 (65)</u>	<u>154 (141)</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	16.7	15.4
Corrected Birth Rate (Comparability Factor 1.13)	18.8	17.4
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (England and Wales)	17.1	16.5



STILLBIRTHS.

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	4 (1)	5 (-)	9 (1)
Illegitimate	..	..	- (-)	- (1)	- (1)
Total:			4 (1)	5 (1)	9 (2)

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births .. 55.2 (13.9)  
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births  
(England and Wales).. .. 19.7 (20.7)

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	97 (74)	62 (65)	159 (139)
Illegitimate	..	..	1 (3)	3 (1)	4 (4)
Total:			98 (77)	65 (66)	163 (143)

INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	3 (1)	2 (3)	5 (4)
Illegitimate	..	..	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total;			3 (1)	2 (3)	5 (4)

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births (Total) 32.5 (28.4)  
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births (Legitimate) 32.5 (28.4)  
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births (Illegitimate) Nil (Nil)  
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births 32.5 (21.3)  
Illegitimacy Birth Rate (as % of total live and still births) 2.4  
Maternal Deaths (Including abortion) 1 (Nil)  
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births. 6.1 (Nil)

DEATHS

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
			46 (55)	52 (54)	98 (109)
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	..	.. ..	..	10.6 (11.9)	
Corrected Death Rate (Comparability Factor 0.85) ..	..		9.0 (10.7)		
Death Rate per 1,000 Population (England and Wales)	..		11.5 (11.6)		

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Birth Rate (Corrected)	21.4	21.2	16.5	20.0	21.2	17.8	19.2	17.4	18.8
Death Rate (Corrected)	8.8	8.8	11.3	10.7	10.6	10.3	9.3	10.7	9.0
Infant Mortality Rate	36.4	12.3	70.3	25.6	30.1	42.5	-	28.4	32.5
Number of Infant Deaths	6	2	9	4	5	6	-	4	5

The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring during 1960. The grand totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1. Tuberculosis respiratory	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
2. Tuberculosis, other	1 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
3. Syphilitic Disease	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
4. Diphtheria	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
5. Whooping Cough	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
6. Meningococcal infections	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
8. Measles	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2 (1)	2 (1)	0 (0)
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5 (4)	5 (3)	0 (1)
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	3 (3)	0 (0)	3 (3)
13. Malignant neoplasm, Uterus	0 (2)	0 (0)	0 (2)
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	18 (21)	8 (14)	10 (7)
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0 (1)	0 (1)	0 (0)
16. Diabetes	1 (2)	0 (1)	1 (1)
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	15 (8)	3 (2)	12 (6)
18. Coronary Disease, angina	14 (12)	9 (6)	5 (6)
19. Hypertension with heart disease	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (1)
20. Other Heart Disease	12 (14)	2 (3)	10 (11)
21. Other circulatory disease	2 (7)	0 (2)	2 (5)
22. Influenza	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
23. Pneumonia	5 (6)	3 (4)	2 (2)
24. Bronchitis	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	0 (2)	0 (1)	0 (1)
26. Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum.	4 (3)	4 (2)	0 (1)
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	0 (2)	0 (1)	0 (1)
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	1 (3)	1 (3)	0 (0)
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	1 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
31. Congenital malformations	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (1)
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	9 (11)	7 (6)	2 (5)
33. Motor vehicle accidents	0 (3)	0 (2)	0 (1)
34. Other accidents	2 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)
35. Suicide	1 (2)	1 (2)	0 (0)
36. Homicide and operations of war	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	<u>98 (110)</u>	<u>46 (55)</u>	<u>52 (55)</u>



The Birth Rate, Death Rate and the Registrar General's estimate of the resident population of Thedwastre for the years 1950 to 1960 are set out below:

THEDWASTRE R.D.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Crude birth rate</u>	<u>Crude death rate</u>
1950	8,654	17.6	12.9
1951	8,719	17.5	14.3
1952	8,880	18.6	11.4
1953	8,788	18.4	11.5
1954	8,860	14.4	13.7
1955	8,880	17.6	13.0
1956	8,930	18.6	11.8
1957	8,940	15.8	11.4
1958	8,990	17.0	10.1
1959	9,130	15.4	11.9
1960	9,230	16.7	10.6

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN  
THE AREA

(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, under the directorship of Dr. R.M. Fry, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem.

Dr. S. Greenburgh, Public Analyst, Tenison Road, Cambridge gives a similar efficient, helpful service when chemical analyses are required.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES

These services since July 1953 have been provided directly by the County Council under the direction of the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME

The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The West Suffolk County Council hold Infant Welfare Clinics in Thedwastre at two centres:-

Elmswell, Village Hall -2nd Thursday in each month  
Rickingham, Village Hall-2nd Friday in each month

(e) NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and protection :-

No proceedings were taken under Section 47 during 1960.

SECTION C.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifications received in 1960. (final numbers after any necessary corrections).

DISEASE	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Measles	8	4	4
Whooping cough	4	2	2
Scarlet fever	5	4	1
Infectious Hepatitis	1	1	-
Pneumonia	1	1	-
Influenzal pneumonia	1	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-
Typhoid & paratyphoid	-	-	-
Food poisoning	-	-	-
TOTAL	20	12	8

T U B E R C U L O S I S

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

New Cases

There were 2 new cases of Tuberculosis notified during 1960.

	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
Pulmonary	1	-	3	5	4	2	1	1	-	4	11
Non-Pulmonary	1	-	2	-	2	1	-	1	2	1	5

Mortality

There was one Tuberculosis death during 1960 registered locally.

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1. Cases at commencement 1960	13	7	-	4	13	11
2. Notified first in 1960	1	-	-	1	1	1
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Cases removed from register	2	1	-	1	2	2
6. Remaining at end of 1960	12	6	-	4	12	10



## SECTION D

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER The present position with regard to water is as follows :-

#### MAINS WATER - TREDWASTRE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PIPED SUPPLY TO HOUSE.</u>		<u>USING STANDPIPE WITHIN 200 FEET</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
1960	2,137	67%	450	14%
1959	2,018	64%	433	14%

A further illustration, indicating the position in each parish, is provided by the table on page Nine .

During the year, 13 samples of water were taken for bacteriological purposes. Of these 10 were satisfactory and 3 were unsatisfactory.

Almost all properties in the area can now be served from the mains supply and, during the year, new mains extensions at Drinkstone, Elmswell and Langham have enabled several property owners to avail themselves of the service.

The laying of the sewer at Elmswell/Woolpit has induced several householders to take mains water and to instal up to date sanitation at the same time.

Carting of water. There has been no carting of drinking water in the District, most houses having their supply from the mains and the rest being catered for by bores and wells, the majority of which have been tested and found satisfactory.

#### (ii) Drainage and Sewerage.

The Woolpit and Elmswell sewers were completed in June and handed over by the Contractors, Messrs. Biggs Wall and Co. Ltd. The Council, through their Housing Manager, Mr. W.G.Cushing, took immediate steps to modernise the pre-war Council houses at Elmswell and Woolpit, which were supplied with bathrooms, hot and cold water, flush lavatories and connected to the sewer.

At Elmswell, Rattlesden and Woolpit quite a number of owners have taken advantage of the assistance afforded by both Discretionary and Standard Grants, and, by the end of the year, 199 houses at Elmswell, 94 at Woolpit and 91 at Rattlesden were connected to the sewers. These modern amenities, for so long enjoyed by urban dwellers, are now reaching the countryside and are greatly appreciated.

The success of the three completed sewerage schemes has encouraged the Council to make plans for the sewerage of other villages within the District and they are particularly anxious that works be provided for the parishes of Badwell Ash, Beyton, Drinkstone, Felsham, Gedding, Hissett, Norton, Thurston, Testock, Walsham-le-Willows and Wattisfield.

It is proposed to have a joint scheme for Hissett, Beyton and Thurston, together with the neighbouring village of Great Barton which is in the Thingoe Rural District.

It is worthy of note that the joint scheme for Badwell Ash and Walsham-le-Willows was started in June, 1961; a Ministry of Health enquiry has been held at the Council offices to consider schemes for Felsham, Gedding and Norton and approval has been given.

The scheme of the Hartismere R.D.C. to include Rickinghall Inferior has been completed and in use since June, 1961

A small sewerage works to take the post war Council houses at Hinderclay has been completed and handed over by the Contractor, Messrs. E.J.Aves and sons of Redgrave.

The Council's Yorkshire Karrier 750 gallon cesspool emptier has given nine years satisfactory service and is still in use; it is found, however, that maintenance costs are mounting so much that it has been decided to purchase a new and larger vehicle. During the year, because of constant demands for their services, the staff have again worked overtime in order to empty the many cesspools which are frequently overflowing. The heavy rainfall throughout the year aggravated the situation.

The charge for emptying of cesspools, at private houses in Thedwastre is 30/-d. for the first load and 25/-d. for subsequent loads, free service is afforded the Council tenants.

The vehicle travelled 19,188 miles and the total number of cesspools emptied was 1,358, made up as below.

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>
Council Houses	933 (2,429 loads)	993 (2,620 loads).
Private houses within the area	283 ( 447 loads)	239 ( 362 loads).
Private houses outside the area	25 ( 35 loads)	9 ( 11 loads).
Rannocks Egg Packing Station	62 ( 225 loads)	148 ( 554 loads).
Schools	5 ( 25 loads)	10 ( 22 loads).

CESSPOOL CLEARANCE FROM 1st JANUARY, 1960 to 31st DECEMBER, 1960.

<u>Name of Village</u>	<u>COUNCIL HOUSES</u>		<u>PRIVATE HOUSES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	Cesspools emptied	loads	Cesspools emptied	loads	Cesspools emptied	loads
Ashfield Magna	41	74	7	10	48	84
Badwell Ash	10	14	7	14	17	28
Beyton	37	70	19	30	56	100
Drinkstone	102	205	11	16	113	221
Elmswell	38	57	37	63	75	120
Felsham	2	8	7	11	9	19
Gedding	1	2	15	27	16	29
Hessett	38	85	5	7	43	92
Hinderclay	21	42	-	-	21	42
Hunston	-	-	5	6	5	6
Langham	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norton	218	510	10	14	228	524
Rattlesden	-	-	11	20	11	20
Rickinghall Inferior	53	131	13	18	66	149
Stowlangtoft	21	42	4	9	25	51
Thurston	133	415	47	89	180	504
Tostock	6	14	16	20	22	34
Walsham-le-Willows	41	76	32	42	73	118
Wattisfield	51	197	7	10	58	207
Woolpit	170	487	30	41	200	528
Schools					5	25
Rannocks Egg Packing Station (Elmswell)					62	225
1960 Totals	983	2,429	283	447	1,333	3,126
1959 Totals	993	2,620	239	362	1,395	3,558
Private Houses outside the area.					25	35



<u>Parish</u>	Total Houses in Parish	Houses in parish with a piped water supply into the house by the end of the year. (Number in brackets indicate those supplied by standpipe)			% with Water at end of 1960.		
		1960		1959	in house	Standpipe	Total Percentage
Ashfield, Great	111	65	(21)	63	(20)	19%	78%
Badwell Ash	117	63	(29)	60	(29)	25%	79%
Beyton	146	114	(22)	112	(21)	15%	93%
Drinkstone	140	75	(17)	71	(16)	12%	66%
Elmswell	393	311	(47)	279	(44)	12%	91%
Felsham	111	79	(13)	78	(13)	12%	83%
Gedding	48	33	(7)	33	(7)	15%	84%
Hesett	105	57	(18)	51	(17)	17%	71%
Hinderclay	73	43	(18)	43	(18)	25%	84%
Hunston	37	22	(7)	22	(6)	19%	78%
Langham	35	16	(9)	10	(8)	26%	72%
Norton	239	167	(25)	158	(24)	10%	80%
Rattlesden	247	172	(39)	165	(38)	16%	86%
Rickingham Inf.	108	75	(14)	72	(14)	13%	82%
Stowlangtoft	61	40	(5)	37	(3)	8%	74%
Thurston	342	216	(21)	204	(20)	9%	72%
Testock	123	76	(12)	68	(12)	10%	72%
Walsham-le-Willows	277	163	(49)	163	(48)	18%	77%
Wattisfield	136	87	(28)	83	(27)	21%	85%
Woolpit	322	263	(49)	246	(48)	15%	97%
	3,171	2,137	(450)	2,018	(433)	14%	81%



## 2. RIVERS AND STREAMS

Thedwastre Rural District has no rivers but several streams some of which flow many miles and irrigate pasture lands until they finally join up with a fair sized river and so continue to the sea. During the year attention has been given to the water courses at Rickinghall and Walsham-le-Willows where rubbish has been removed and vermin kept down by the Rodent Operator.

### 3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

All post-war private houses have modern sanitation including water closets with drainage to septic tanks or cesspools. In the villages of Elmswell, Rattlesder and Woolpit, the majority are now connected to the main sewer. All Council houses in these three villages are connected and have water supplies, baths, w.c.'s. and drainage.

### (ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection of household refuse is on a fortnightly rota, except for very isolated premises which are visited monthly. Householders are requested to have their bins near the gate, except in cases of elderly people, the sick or women living alone, when bins are collected from near back doors.

The removal of the larger part of John Rannock's Egg Packing Station into a neighbouring district has considerably lightened the work but, even so, it is difficult to maintain a regular service owing to illness; breakdowns and inclement weather which creates tipping difficulties. The table below shows in detail the amount of paper and iron which was collected in 1960. Waste paper, magazines, books and newspapers are welcomed as salvage and the proceeds help to defray cost of refuse collecting; scrap iron is also brought in and sold to a local merchant.

The refuse vehicle travelled 8,102 miles in 1960 and removed 608 loads of refuse.

### SALVAGE

Year	Paper						Iron						Total Value of salvage.		
	Weight			Value			Weight			Value					
	Tons.	Cwt.	Qrs.	£.	s.	d.	Tons.	Cwt.	Qrs.	£.	s.	d.			
1960	15	6	2	61.	6.	0.	12	12	1	83.	18.	0.	145.	4.	0.
1959	19	5	3	77.	3.	0.	6	3	2	39.	9.	1.	116.	12.	1.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following table records the number of inspections carried out by Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Lambert :-

Housing inspections .. .. .	1,920
Building (work in progress) inspections .. .. .	1,288
Drainage (work in progress) inspections .. .. .	525
Slaughterhouse visits .. .. .	620
Owners interviewed .. .. .	222
Caravans visited .. .. .	80
Bakehouses inspections .. .. .	15
Shops inspections.. .. .	191
Factories (W/P) inspections .. .. .	247
Factories (N/P) inspections .. .. .	26
Refuse Tips inspections .. .. .	141
Sewage works inspections .. .. .	275
Dairies inspections .. .. .	2
Food premises inspections .. .. .	361
Improvement Grant investigations .. .. .	342
Cesspools inspections .. .. .	306
Complaints investigations .. .. .	37
Ditches inspections .. .. .	41
Water supplies investigations .. .. .	250
Farms visits ... .. .	42
Other visits .. .. .	178

FACTORY ACT, 1937.

Inspections for purposes of provision as to health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	26	200	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	34	49	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. * (excluding out-workers premises).	50	60	Nil	Nil
	110	309	Nil	Nil

\* i.e. Electrical Stations (Sections 103 (1)). Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

OUTWORK. Sections 110 and 111. No notification of out-work was received.



Premises classified as Factories in THEDWASTRE comprise :-

Agricultural Engineering Works	5	Flour Mills	3
Bacon Factory	1	Printing Works	1
Boot Repairers	4	Smithies	3
Fruit Packing Stations	2	Tailor	1
Garages	10	Wheelwright	1
Sand & Ballast Merchants	2	Wireless Repairer	1
Gate Manufacturer	1	Market Gardeners	6
Builders Yards	20	Corn & Seed Merchants	5
Egg Packing Station	1	Bakeries	3
Pottery	1		

(iv) SHOPS AND OFFICES

Inspections of the ventilation and sanitary accommodation provisions, under the Shop Act, 1934, were made.

Since the laying of the sewer in Rattlesden, Elmswell and Woolpit, most of the shops have availed themselves of this amenity which has simplified working conditions and led to other improvements being effected.

The following are the number of shops throughout the District :-

Shops not associated with food :-

Boot repairers	..	..	..	5
Bicycle Repairers	..	..	..	2
Garages	..	..	..	8

Shops associated with food :-

Butchers	..	..	..	7
Grocers	..	..	..	44
Bakers	..	..	..	3
Fish Fryers	..	..	..	3
Cafes	..	..	..	2
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Public Houses	..	..	..	30

(v) CAMPING SITES

33 caravans provide accommodation for approximately 62 persons and are situated on 23 different sites. As in previous years, no trouble has been experienced and it is hoped that the number of caravans will gradually decrease as it is the policy of the Council to offer other accommodation whenever practicable.

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT

Only two factories in Thedwastre have chimneys and no smoke nuisance has been reported from either the Bacon Factory, Elmswell or the Pottery, Wattisfield.

(vii) SWIMMING BATHS

There are no swimming baths in the District but good facilities are provided by those at Bury St. Edmunds and Stowmarket and are well patronised by local people.

(viii) OLD PEOPLE'S HOUSES

A block of six old person's dwellings have been erected by the Council in the village of Elmswell, providing one bedroom, kitchen and bathroom accommodation for each tenant. In addition to being provided with a constant supply of hot water, the residents have the opportunity of sharing a communal room which is situated in the centre of the six dwellings.



(ix) RODENT CONTROL.

Mr. A.C.Denny, the rodent operator has had a busy year with many calls to deal with rats and mice at houses and in gardens. The mild wet winter helped to increase vermin of all kinds which, being able to obtain plenty of food, were more difficult to eradicate. Inspections of almost all properties in the District were made and frequent attention was bestowed on refuse tips, streams, ditches and factories. A copy of the operator's report for 1960 can be seen below.

(x) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No case of bed bug infestation was either reported or discovered during 1960, or in any year covered by my reports, which date from 1938.

4. SCHOOLS. All the schools in the District are connected to the Council's mains water supply and those at Elmswell, Rattlesden, Woolpit and Beyton (Modern Secondary) enjoy modern means of sewage disposal.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.  
Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1960.

Name of Local Authority : Thedwastre R.D.C., County of West Suffolk.

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				
	1. Local Authority.	2. Dwelling Houses.	3. All other Premises.	4. Total of Cols.1,2,3.	5. Agricul- tural.
1.Number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 & 2.)	8	3,139	32	3,171	256
2.No. of properties inspected as a result of					
(a) Notification	Nil	221	6	227	4
(b) Survey under Act	8	1,426	30	1,506	28
(c) Otherwise	Nil	19	4	23	12
3.Total inspections carried out, including re-inspections	40	1,666	90	1,796	121
4.No. of properties inspected in Sec.2. which were found to be infested:					
(a) Rates Major	6	148	2	156	73
Minor	2	167	1	170	15
(b) Mice Major	1	53	1	55	9
Minor	2	78	1	81	17
5.No. of infested properties (Sec.4) treated by L.A.	8	228	4	240	7
6.Total treatments carried out (including re-treatments)	40	663	9	717	12
7.No. of notices served under Sec.4. of the Act. A Treatment B. Structural work.	-	-	-	-	-
8.No. of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of notice.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
10.No. of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	8	-

NOTE 1. With the exception of agricultural properties, a property means one which is entered separately in the Valuation roll for the area.

NOTE 2. (1) Premises used by the Local Authority for the purposes of trade should be entered in Col. (3).

(2) Sewers should not be included.

(3) Combined dwelling and business premises, where occupied by the same person should be regarded as business premises and should be entered in separate occupation, separate entries should be made in Cols. 2 and 3.

NOTE 3. For the purpose of completing Sections 2,4, and 5 each property should be entered once only in respect of inspections, infestations or treatments.

SECTION E.

H O U S I N G

1. (i) (a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1,511.
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,921.
(ii) (a)	Number of dwellinghouses (including under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.	-
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	-
(iii)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	21.
(iv)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonable fit for human habitation	29.
2.	<u>Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices :-</u>	
	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	17.
3.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :-</u>	
(a)	<u>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12 and 39 of the Housing Act, 1957 :-</u>	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-	
(a)	by Owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(b)	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts.</u>	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :-	
(a)	By Owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(c)	<u>Proceedings under Section 16, 17, 19, 21 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957.</u>	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	9.
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	3.
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation	14.



(c) (4) Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or Undertakings 9

(d) Proceedings under Sections 18, 19 and 27 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of parts of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil

(2) Number of parts of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders Nil

(3) Number of Demolition Orders revoked 3

(4) Number of Undertakings Cancelled 2

(e) Proceedings under Sections 42 and 43 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of houses included in Clearance Areas Nil

#### 4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year Nil

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein Nil

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein Nil

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding relieved during the year Nil

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year Nil

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases Nil

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding Nil

New houses provided in the post-war years have been :-

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	Total
Private Houses	5	16	10	7	8	3	4	15	21	23	23	27	41	50	33	296
Council Houses	18	37	47	60	26	13	22	24	40	13	44	6	13	12	12	392
Total	23	53	57	67	34	21	26	39	61	41	67	33	54	62	50	678



The following table indicates the work of general repair and maintenance of existing houses in connection with private dwelling houses. The Table, however, does not include repairs to Council houses, hutments or requisitioned houses which are affected by direct labour under the direction of the Housing Supervisor, Mr. W.G.Cushing.

Classified List of Housing Defects abated during the year  
in Private Dwelling Houses.

Roofs repaired .. .. .	18
Dampness remedied .. .. .	20
Wallplaster repaired .. .. .	12
Yard paving repaired .. .. .	2
External walls repaired .. .. .	3
Windows repaired or renewed .. .. .	20
Drains repaired .. .. .	17
Fireplaces repaired .. .. .	1
Floors repaired .. .. .	1
Eavesgutters repaired or renewed .. .. .	2
Doors repaired or renewed .. .. .	3
Light & Ventilation improved .. .. .	20
Other repairs .. .. .	19

The table on the following page indicates the provision of Council houses in Thedwastre.

	Houses Total in Parish	Council Houses															% Council houses in Parish.			
		Total	Pre-war	War time	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957		1958	1959	1960
Great Ashfield	111	23	16	2			3										2		1960	25%
Badwell Ash	117	23	19		4															19%
Beyton	146	46	20		2			6		4		6								31%
Drinkstone	140	28	10	2	8					4						4				20%
Elmswell	393	106	55		9	7					4	16	1				2	8		27%
Felsham	111	28	10		8		4			6		6								25%
Gedding	48	18	10								2									37%
Hessett	105	36	12				2	10		2	6			2	4					34%
Hinderclay	73	17	7				4			4				2						21%
Hunston	37	-																		NIL
Langham	35	-																		NIL
Norton	239	70	33			12	10					4		6			5			29%
Rattlesden	247	44	18			4	6			6				6			4			17%
Rickingham Inferior	108	22	2		8		4				4			4						20%
Stowlangtoft	61	14	6									8								25%
Thurston	342	47	17			12			6	4						4		4		13%
Tostock	123	28	14			2	2	2						4	2		2			23%
Walsham-le-Willows	277	56	38				6	8												20%
Wattisfield	136	28	18			10														20%
Woolpit	322	88	26		10	2			12		4		12	20			2			29%
	3,171	727	331	4	18	37	47	52	26	18	22	40	13	44	6	13	12	12		23%

SECTION F.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Of the seven retail butchers in the District, 5 obtain their meat from wholesalers slaughtering outside the District. The remaining 2 use their own private slaughterhouses and the animals slaughtered and inspected during the year were as follows :-

<u>Beasts</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
214	26	406	53

This does not include inspections at the St. Edmundsbury Bacon Factory.

The number of pigs killed at the St. Edmundsbury Bacon Factory, Elmswell, during the year, was 86,030. The figures for 1959 was 112,287.

Number of bacon pigs	..	..	..	..	64,376
Number of pork pigs	..	..	..	..	21,277
Number of pigs condemned	..	..	..	..	377
Number of pigs killed	..	..	..	..	86,030
Number of pigs inspected	..	..	..	..	86,030

All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci.

Whole carcasses condemned	..	..	..	372
Percentage of number inspected with disease other than Tuberculosis & cysticerci	..	..	..	.43

Tuberculosis only.

Whole carcasses condemned	..	..	..	5
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	..	..	..	.0058

<u>Cysticercosis</u>	..	..	..	..	..	NIL
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In addition to the 377 whole carcasses condemned, there were also condemned :-

3,171 heads	(weighing 38,192 lbs.)
4,501 plucks	(weighing 31,472 lbs.)
3,496 kidneys	(weighing 874 lbs.)
974 intestines	





